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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1554**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Keene**

February 21, 2003

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An act to amend ~~and repeal~~ Section 42285.3 of the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1554, as amended, Keene. School finance: necessary small schools.

(1) Existing law provides that a unified school district that meets certain criteria is eligible to receive apportionments pursuant to the schedules for a necessary small school and a necessary small high school, as specified. Existing law requires a school district that receives those apportionments to report to the State Department of Education and the Department of Finance by July 1, 2001, concerning the district's plan to address the district's need for additional funding ~~when this provision is repealed~~ *after the January 1, 2005, date of repeal of this authority.*

This bill would ~~delete that reporting requirement~~ *require the department to review those reports and make recommendations*

*concerning the need for additional funding to the Legislature no later than April 1, 2004.*

(2) Under existing law, these provisions become inoperative on July 1, 2004, and are repealed as of January 1, 2005.

This bill would instead make those provisions inoperative on July 1, 2006, and ~~would repeal them~~ *repeal* as of January 1, 2007.

~~(3) Existing law defines “necessary small school,” and “necessary small high school,” based on low average daily attendance and travel hardship. Existing law, notwithstanding that definition, deems certain schools and high schools necessary small schools and necessary small high schools, respectively, for purposes of calculating state funding apportionments.~~

~~This bill would require the State Department of Education to review the meaning of the terms “necessary small school” and “necessary small high school” and make recommendations regarding revising those terms no later than April 1, 2004.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 42285.3 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 42285.3. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section  
4 42280 or any other provision of law, a unified school district that  
5 is the only school district in a county, that has received more than  
6 two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) in  
7 federal Forest Reserve funds in the 1992–93 school year and less  
8 than one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) in  
9 federal Forest Reserve funds in the 1996–97 school year, and that  
10 has fewer than 4,501 units of average daily attendance in the  
11 1997–98 school year or in subsequent school years shall be eligible  
12 to receive apportionments pursuant to the schedules for a  
13 “necessary small school” and a “necessary small high school,” as  
14 set forth in this article, for up to the total number of schools in the  
15 district that would have met the criteria for classification as a  
16 necessary small school or a necessary small high school in the  
17 1996–97 fiscal year, if the district had fewer than 2,501 units of  
18 average daily attendance in the 1996–97 fiscal year, except that  
19 this section does not apply in a school year in which an otherwise

1 eligible school district receives more than two million dollars  
2 (\$2,000,000) in federal Forest Reserve funds.

3 ~~(b) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2006, and,~~  
4 ~~as of January 1, 2007, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,~~  
5 ~~that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2007, deletes or~~  
6 ~~extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.~~

7 ~~SEC. 2.—~~

8 *(b) A unified school district that receives apportionments*  
9 *pursuant to the subdivision (a) shall report to the department and*  
10 *the Department of Finance by July 1, 2001, concerning the plan*  
11 *of the district to address its need for additional funding when this*  
12 *section is repealed.*

13 ~~(c) The State Department of Education shall, within existing~~  
14 ~~resources, review the various elements of the meaning of the terms~~  
15 ~~“necessary small school,” and “necessary small high school,”~~  
16 ~~found in Article 4 (commencing with Section 42280) of Chapter~~  
17 ~~7 of Part 24 of the Education Code. The review shall include~~  
18 ~~recommendations regarding revising the definition of those terms~~  
19 ~~for the purpose of making them applicable to all schools that~~  
20 ~~receive funding pursuant to those provisions. The department shall~~  
21 ~~report its findings and recommendations to the~~ *review the reports*  
22 *required by subdivision (b) and make recommendations*  
23 *concerning the need for additional funding to the Legislature no*  
24 *later than April 1, 2004.*

25 ~~(d) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2006, and,~~  
26 ~~as of January 1, 2007, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,~~  
27 ~~that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2007, deletes or~~  
28 ~~extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.~~